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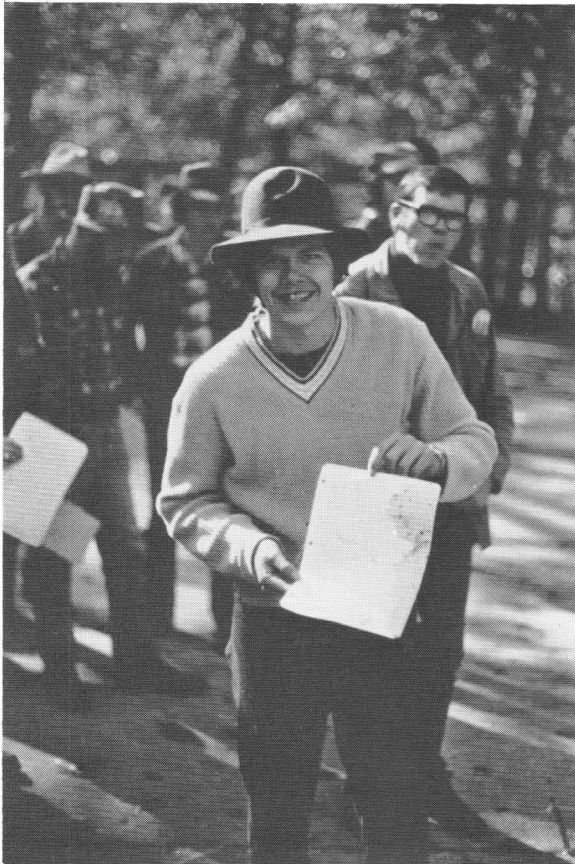
by JON GEHRING

The 1973 Midwest Conclave was hosted by the University of Missouri-Columbia at Camp Zoe, Missouri. A grand total of four represented Iowa State in competition; Russ Hatz, Dave Harkema, Mike Giles, and Jon Gehring.

We left Des Moines late Friday afternoon and to our surprise, Camp Zoe was a bit farther down the road than we expected. We pulled into the camp at 2:30 a.m., checked in and immediately hit the sack. It was great until they started playing "Hillbilly" music over the intercom at 6:00 a.m. After a cold breakfast, the events began and the whole day was very well organized. We were up against teams of 20-35 members who had from 2-6 weeks of practice under their belts. With our experience attained from Fall

Foresters Day, we finished "dead" last with 0 (zero) points. Missouri ran away with the team title bettering Michigan Tech and Minnesota. The best finishes we could muster were an eighth place in the tobacco spit by Jon Gehring and a tenth place by Mike Giles in the chopping event (thanks to Missouri's axe we borrowed). The day ended with a large ice cream social.

The Conclave is an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with the other forestry schools in the Midwest and to show your skills to the world. Our goal is to create enough interest to attend next year's Conclave in Michigan with a much larger and more experienced team. We would like to return the last place prize, an old bearskin, to Southern Illinois University where it had been the last six years.



Look Ma!



If only he knew . . .



Try a little harder, Mike.



How do I get my fingers out?



That's the way it should be done.